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C O N F I D E N T I A L REYKJAVIK 0144

FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP: MONDALE, WALTER F.

SUBJECT: VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO ICELAND

REF: (A) REYKJAVIK 125; (B) REYKJAVIK 114

1. ICELANDIC OFFICIALS HAVE SUGGESTED FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS
BE MADE IN PROPOSED SCENARIO FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT:

(A) VICE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER WILL STILL MEET IN
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LARGER ROOM OF TWO ROOM RECEPTION SUITE AS PREVIOUSLY
SCHEDULED; HOWEVER, THEY HAVE CONCLUDED SECOND ROOM IS
TOO SMALL FOR REMAINDER OF OFFICER PARTY AND THEREFORE WILL
BE PLEASED INSTEAD TO HOST LATTER GROUP IN CAFETERIA AREA ON
GROUND FLOOR OF THE TERMINAL. (B) MAIN ROOM OF RECEPTION
SUITE CAN ONLY SEAT MAXIMUM OF NINE RPT NINE INDIVIDUALS.
SINCE PRIME MINISTER WILL DEFINITELY BE ACCOMPANIED BY

AT LEAST TWO OTHERS (MESSRS BJORNSSON AND BJARNASON)
PARTICIPATION ON AMERICAN SIDE WILL NECESSARILY BE LIMITED
TO MAXIMUM OF FIVE INCLUDING VICE PRESIDENT AND AMBASSADOR
ON OUTSIDE CHANCE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER WILL ATTEND.

2. GOI HAS INFORMED US THAT PRESS
PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TELEVISION CAMERAMEN WILL BE PRESENT
WHEN VICE PRESIDENT LEAVES PLANE AND AGAIN WHEN HE
DESCENDS FROM MEETING ON SECOND FLOOR OF TERMINAL.
WHILE NO RPT NO PRESS CONFERENCE HAS BEEN SCHEDULED,
REPORTERS MAY TRY TO POSE QUESTIONS WHILE VICE PRESIDENT'S
PARTY IS RETURNING TO PLANCE. INsofar AS THEY WOULD
RELATE TO DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT AND PRIME
MINISTER, WE BELIEVE VICE PRESIDENT COULD LIMIT HIMSELF
TO INDICATION THAT HE WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE
VIEWS WITH PRIME MINSISTER ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST
AND THAT THEY HAD AGREED THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SHOULD
KEEP IN TOUCH THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE MISSIONS.

3. PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN MINISTRY BJORN-
SSON, WHO IS COORDINATING VISIT ON GOI SIDE HAS ASKED
WHETHER CHARTER PRESS PLANE WILL BE ON GROUND AT AIRPORT
THROUGHOUT VICE PRESIDENT'S STOPOVER AND, IF SO, WHETHER
ITS PRESS CORPS PASSENGERS WILL DEPLANE. BJORNSSON
MUST HAVE THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER TO MAKE APPROPRIATE
PREPARATION THIS GROUP. HE EXPRESSED HOPE INFO WOULD
BE PROVIDED NLT JANUARY 28.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) PLEASE ADVISE BY NIACT
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IMMEDIATE WHICH MEMBERS OF VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY WILL
ATTEND MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER. (B) NEED FOR
INFORMATION SOONEST ON DISPOSITION OF CHARTERED PRESS
PLANE (REQUESTED IN PARA 3 ABOVE AND IN PARA 4 IN
REF A) INCREASINLGY URGENT. PLEASE ADVISE. (C)
WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON WHETHER VICE PRESIDENT
WOULD BE WILLING TO ANSWER SOME REPORTER'S QUESTIONS
AFTER MEETING. FYI WE HAVE AGAIN IMPRESSED UPON GOI
TIME CONSTRAINT ON VICE PRESIDENT.
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